LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

# 1965

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## To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report on the health of the district for the year 1965.

The vital statistics compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comments. The incidence of notifiable diseases remained at a low level.

The Northallerton and the Dales Water Board were responsible for water supplies during the year and were generally satisfactory except following heavy rainstorms.

Progress in re-housing and building continued on a satisfactory scale.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Diggles,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1966.

## SECTION (A)

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### General Statistics

(a)

| | |
|---|---|
| Area (in acres) .. .. .. .. .. .. | 71697 |
| Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population - mid-year 1965 .. | 6250 |
| Population - 1931 Census .. .. .. .. | 6851 |
| Population - 1951 Census .. .. .. .. | 6423 |
| Population - 1961 Census .. .. .. .. | 6138 |
| Number of Inhabited houses 1951 .. .. .. | 1871 |
| Number of Inhabited houses 1965 .. .. .. | 2009 |
| Rateable value of district .. .. .. .. | £145,202 |
| Product of 1d. rate .. .. .. .. .. | 583 |

(b)

Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

| | MALES | | | FEMALES | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total: | Legit: | Illegit: | Total: | Legit: | Illegit: |
| Live births | 46 | 44 | 2 | 48 | 47 | 1 |
| Still births | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| INFANT DEATHS | | | | | | |
| Under 1 year | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Under 4 weeks | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Under 1 week | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |

## CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

| Causes of Deaths | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea | 1 | - | 1 |
| Tuberculosis, Respiratory | 1 | - | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 2 | 2 |
| Other malignant and lyphatic neoplasms | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 6 | 13 | 19 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | - | 2 | 2 |
| Other heart disease | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Other circulatory disease | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Bronchitis | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 1 | - | 1 |
| All other accidents | 1 | - | 1 |
| Suicide | - | 1 | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle accidents | 2 | - | 2 |
| Total deaths - all causes | 42 | 33 | 75 |

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act, which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

## SECTION (B)

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Details of the Staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

### Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

### Ambulance Facilities

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply Ambulance Services from their stations at Northallerton and Bainbridge.

### Hospital Services

Local Hospital accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents in the Leyburn Area receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Darlington and Harrogate Hospitals.

### Nursing in the Homes

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council, with day to day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Committee. Four District Nurse/Midwives operate in the area.

### Domestic Help Service

This is provided by the County Council. The day to day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Medical Officer.

## SECTION (C)

## PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| Infectious Diseases Notified | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measles | 30 | 24 | 54 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Scarlet Fever | - | 1 | 1 |
| Tuberculosis Pulmonary | - | 1 | 1 |

## SECTION (D)

Water Supplies .. .. .. Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal .. Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Refuse Disposal .. .. .. Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

# SANITARY

# CIRCUMSTANCES

# OF THE

# AREA

# ANNUAL REPORT

# OF THE

# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

# YEAR - 1965

To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my twenty-ninth Annual Report in conjunction with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

For many years, progress has continued towards our goal of main drainage in every village and this will be achieved in the near future.

More house owners improved their houses with the aid of grants during the year. Private house building proceeded normally.

I am intebted to Mr. A.W. Madin, the Housing Manager, who now deals with all housing matters, for the figures relating to housing, also for the help he has given me in other matters during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Walter Sutton,

Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor.

November, 1966.

# W A T E R  S U P P L I E S

The water supply has been well maintained and generally satisfactory in quality and quantity. The Northallerton and the Dales Water Board has the responsibility of providing and maintaining the water supplies in the whole of the district.

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Fourteen samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton, of these six were free from any contamination at all.

The Sowden Beck and Cranehow Bottom give supplies that are liable to act upon lead pipes and so we do not allow anyone to use these pipes. Copper tubes are always recommended and occasionally plastic and galvanised tubes are laid.

The Water Board were notified of the Bacteriological reports upon the samples submitted and they stepped up the output of Chlorine from the machines responsible immediately. Later samples taken were found to be satisfactory.

# W A T E R

The number of dwellings with water laid on from public mains, etc., including parish undertakings, is as follows:-

| Parish | Number of dwellings of parish | Number of houses with mains water inside | Houses using outside stand pipes | Houses with private water laid on (mainly farms) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agglethorpe-with-Coverham | 27 | - | - | 27 |
| Akebar | 8 | 8 | - | - |
| Arrathorne | 17 | 17 | - | - |
| Barden | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| Bellerby | 104 | 101 | - | 3 |
| Caldbergh-with-East Scrafton | 17 | 12 | - | 5 |
| Carlton Highdale | 54 | 25 | - | 29 |
| Carlton Town | 62 | 58 | - | 4 |
| Castle Bolton | 33 | - | - | 33 |
| Constable Burton | 49 | 44 | - | 5 |
| East Witton-out | 24 | - | - | 24 |
| East Witton-in | 74 | 65 | 2 | 7 |
| Finghall | 37 | 35 | - | 2 |
| Garriston | 6 | 1 | - | 5 |
| Harmby | 71 | 67 | 1 | 3 |
| Hauxwell-east | 20 | 18 | - | 2 |
| Hauxwell-west | 6 | 6 | - | - |
| Hornby | 33 | 26 | - | 7 |
| Hunton | 125 | 115 | - | 10 |
| Hutton Hang | 6 | 6 | - | - |
| Leyburn | 482 | 478 | - | 4 |
| Melmerby | 23 | - | - | 23 |
| Middleham | 257 | 254 | - | 3 |
| Newton-le-Willows | 105 | 105 | - | - |
| Patrick Brompton | 43 | 43 | - | - |
| Preston-under-Scar | 66 | 64 | 2 | - |
| Redmire | 77 | 77 | - | - |
| Spennithorne | 54 | 34 | - | 20 |
| Thornton Steward | 60 | 60 | - | - |
| Wensley | 62 | 17 | - | 45 |
| West Scrafton | 23 | - | - | 23 |
| West Witton | 130 | 98 | - | 32 |
| TOTALS | 2170 | 1847 | 6 | 317 |

## HOUSING STATISTICS - 1965

The number of dwellings erected during the year by private enterprise numbered 14. The total number of private dwellings erection since 1945 is now 143.

The Council did not erect any dwellings during the year. The number of dwellings owned by the Council and built since 1945 remains at 256. Previous to 1945 the Council had erected 16 dwellings and so the total number of Council houses is 272.

## DETAILS OF HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(by private enterprise)

December, 1965

| Parish | No. |
|---|---|
| Bellerby | 1 |
| Finghall | 1 |
| Hunton | 1 |
| Leyburn | 7 |
| Melmerby | 1 |
| Middleham | 1 |
| Patrick Brompton | 1 |
| Total - | 13 |

# H O U S I N G

## DETAILS OF HOUSES ERECTED BY THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

| Parish | 4.B.R. | 3.B.R. | 2.B.R. | Bungalows | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arrathorne | 1 | 3 | - | - | 4 |
| Bellerby | - | 12 | - | - | 12 |
| Constable Burton | - | 10 | - | - | 10 |
| East Witton | - | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| Finghall | - | 12 | - | - | 12 |
| Harmby | - | 6 | - | - | 6 |
| Hunton | - | 10 | - | 4 | 14 |
| Leyburn (Maythorne) | - | 66 | - | - | 66 |
| (Woodside) | - | 6 | 3 | 8 | 17 |
| (The Nurseries) | - | 4 | - | 8 | 12 |
| Middleham | - | 36 | 16 | 8 | 60 |
| Newton-le-Willows | - | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Patrick Brompton | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Preston-under-Scar | 1 | 2 | - | - | 3 |
| Redmire | - | 6 | - | - | 6 |
| Spennithorne | - | 14 | - | 2 | 16 |
| Thornton Steward | - | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| Wensley | - | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| West Witton | 1 | 7 | - | 2 | 10 |
| TOTALS | 3 | 210 | 23 | 36 | 272 |

# H O U S I N G

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of housing inspections made during the year .. | 326 |
| Number of houses visited during the year .. .. .. | 553 |
| Number of houses in which defects were made good:- | |
| (a) After Informal Notice .. | 26 |
| (b) After Formal Notice .. | Nil |
| Number of houses which were found to be unfit, but capable of repair .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 62 |
| Number of houses which were unfit for human habitation .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 3 |
| Houses closed .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 3 |
| Houses demolished .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | Nil |

## HOUSING ACT 1959

## and Amendment Acts 1961-1964

### GRANTS

Number of houses improved by means of a Grant:-

| | |
|---|---|
| (a) Standard Grant .. .. .. | 55 |
| (b) Discretionary Grant .. .. | 3 |

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of licensed sites .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 5 |
| Total caravans allowed on licensed sites .. .. .. .. | 140 |
| Total number of these occupied during winter months .. .. | 6 |
| Number of inspections .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 19 |

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

Redmire, Castle Bolton and Hauxwell sewerage schemes were completed during the year to serve 119 properties.

We have now reached a stage when all our villages are sewered and there only remains the scattered parishes that cannot be sewered economically. Septic tanks appear to be the only answer, most of our farms already have these.

Improvements to some of our present works are now necessary. East Witton, Leyburn and Middleham all require attention in the near future. Constable Burton has only septic tank treatment and proposals for a scheme in this parish are to be considered.

Leyburn works were laid down in 1907 and were enlarged in 1926, since then they have merely been repaired from time to time. They are functioning very well, it is seldom that the filtered effluent when analysed is classified unsatisfactory. The tanks and filters are hopelessly overworked during wet weather, they were originally designed to take six times the dry weather flow, but today the smallest rain shower brings the storm tanks into use.

At Middleham, the works are too small also, but here a scheme of improvements is being prepared. East Witton has a land irrigation scheme that can be easily converted to a tank filter and humus tank scheme.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

Details of village sewerage arrangements are set out hereunder:-

| | Dwellings and other buildings served | Outlying properties not served |
|---|---|---|
| Arrathorne | 14 | 3 |
| Bellerby | 97 | 6 |
| Carlton Town | 54 | 8 |
| Carlton Highdale | 22 | 21 |
| Castle Bolton | 24 | 9 |
| Constable Burton | 38 | 12 |
| Finghall | 29 | 7 |
| Harmby | 65 | 8 |
| Hauxwell | 20 | 6 |
| Hornby | 24 | 9 |
| Hunton | 109 | 20 |
| Leyburn | 460 | 17 |
| Melmerby | 20 | 2 |
| Middleham | 252 | 6 |
| Newton-le-Willows | 92 | 8 |
| Patrick Brompton | 38 | 4 |
| Preston-under-Scar | 59 | 7 |
| Redmire | 75 | 3 |
| Spennithorne | 52 | 2 |
| Thornton Steward | 46 | 13 |
| Wensley | 50 | 12 |
| East Witton Town | 58 | 16 |
| West Witton | 119 | 14 |
| TOTALS | 1817 | 213 |

## P L A N S

80 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table below:-

| | New Buildings | Alterations to dwellings | Garages and sheds | Cow sheds and dairies | Other Building | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arrathorne | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Bellerby | 3 | - | - | 2 | - | 5 |
| Carlton Highdale | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Constable Burton | - | - | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| East Witton In | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| East Witton Out | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 4 |
| Finghall | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Harmby | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Hunton | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Leyburn | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 18 |
| Melmerby | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | - | 5 |
| Middleham | 3 | 3 | - | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Newton-le-Willows | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Patrick Brompton | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 |
| Redmire | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| Thornton Steward | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Wensley | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| West Scrafton | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 |
| West Witton | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 |
| TOTALS | 17 | 19 | 10 | 23 | 11 | 80 |

## HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSE ACT, 1959

32 applications by house owners to improve their dwellings with the aid of a grant were approved by the Council.

55 Standard Grants were paid upon completions of the approved works.

3 Discretionary Grants were also paid.

The average Standard Grant per dwelling again worked out at £96 0s. 0d. The three Discretionary Grants paid averaged £310 0s. 0d. per dwellings. Many more owners are now taking advantage of the Improvement Grants.

## MEAT INSPECTION

There are seven butcher's shops in the rural district. Five of these butchers now buy their meat from the large abattoirs in adjoining districts, with the result that there has been a 50% drop in the number of animals killed in our two privately owned slaughterhouses. The animals passing into these two slaughterhouses are all reared locally and the meat is of good quality. All meat is inspected on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in each week.

## CARCASES AND OFFALS INSPECTED DURING, 1965

| | Beasts | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number killed | 127 | Nil | 449 | 101 |
| CONDEMNATIONS | | | | |
| Whole carcases | - | - | 1 | - |
| Parts of carcases or organs | 30<br>301½ lbs | - | 1<br>29 lbs | - |

## INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

| | Inspections | Informal Notices | Not complied with | Statutory Notices | Not complied with |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Council's works | 752 | - | - | - | - |
| Housing | 553 | 26 | - | - | - |
| Slaughterhouses | 128 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Public Health Acts | 673 | 27 | - | - | - |
| Food Hygiene | 231 | 12 | 2 | - | - |
| TOTALS | 2337 | 66 | 2 | - | - |

## FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The total number of food premises of all kinds in the district is 83 - made up as follows:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bakers | 2 | Cafes | 9 |
| Grocery | 32 | Fish | 1 |
| Sweets | 2 | Greengrocers | 3 |
| Hotels | 26 | Confectioners | 2 |
| Butchers | 2 | Fish Friers | 1 |
| Ice Cream Retailers | 34 | | |

(Please note:- some premises have more than one use)

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 - 83

No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies - 83

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 - 83

## FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955-6

All premises used for the handling, preparing or selling of food were visited during the year. I found little to complain about so far as cleanliness of the premises was concerned. The workers also were generally satisfactory. More shopkeepers are installing regrigerator cabinets. Not all of them make the best use of these fittings.

## DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Unsound meat from the slaughterhouses is taken away by contractors each Wednesday. It is processed and converted into fertilisers and animal foods. During the year no articles of food from retail shops were condemned.

# P U B L I C  C L E A N S I N G

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Our team of three men continued to carry out their tasks in all kinds of weather quite well with their customary good humour. The average number of premises at which they call daily to pick up bins is 287. A five day week is worked and the lorry is cleansed and greased on one afternoon each week.

Tips are levelled and left tidy after each load is tipped. Three loads per working day are taken to our tips of which there are four, namely - Preston, Middleham, Lingy Hill and West Witton.

The latter is a very poor one and is used as little as possible. In windy weather, its exposed position results in the refuse being blown about into adjacent fields. The total cost of the service for 1965 was £3,966 0s. 0d.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Fourteen householders requested the service of our tank emptying machine during the year. When not engaged on this work it is employed to clear sludge from various tanks and drying beds at several of our sewage works.

## RODENT CONTROL

In addition to maintaining sewage works, emptying cesspools, clearing blocked sewers and drains, our sewage works attendants undertake rat poisoning in private premises, at sewage works and our refuse tips. Inspections and treatments are as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of domestic premises inspected .. .. .. | 32 |
| Number of treatments carried out to above .. .. | 11 |
| Number of treatments carried out on other premises | 9 |

## OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

### REGISTRATIONS & INSPECTIONS

| Class of Premises | Number on Register | Inspections |
|---|---|---|
| Offices | 34 | 26 |
| Retail Shops | 21 | 21 |
| Warehouses | 2 | 2 |
| Catering Establishments | 10 | 10 |
| Fuel Depots | - | - |
| ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEES | 67 | 59 |

| Class of Premises | Number Employed | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Males | Females | |
| Offices | 21 | 39 | 60 |
| Shops | 20 | 70 | 90 |
| Warehouses | 4 | - | 4 |
| Catering Establishments | - | 37 | 37 |
| Totals | 45 | 146 | 191 |

## FACTORIES ACTS 1937/1959

(A)

| Premises | Number on Register | Inspections | Number of Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority | - | - | - | - |
| (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority | 36 | 6 | - | - |
| (3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority | - | - | - | - |

## FACTORIES ACTS 1937/1959

(B) DEFECTS - NIL.

(C) OUTWORK - NIL.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

NIL.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES

NIL.